(b) and (c). Yes. Sir. The following points have been sumitted for consideration :

(i) Consideration of the West Coast Canal stretches from Kollam to Kovalam and Kottapuram to Kasergode for declaration as National Waterway.

(ii) To ensure utilisation of full funds provided in the 8th Five Year Plan for development of West Coast Canal.

(iii) Release of Central assistance with regard to ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme for modernisation of jetties in Kerala.

[Translation]

Viral Fever

2952. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mystery fever engulfs Hissar" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated August 2, 1996;

(b) if so. the details thereof:

(c) whether the Central Government propose to send a Central team to the affected areas of Hissar (Haryana) and also provide other health services there; and

(d) the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to find out the reasons and check the diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d). Two Central teams from National Institute of Communicable Diseases. Delhi have already visited the affected areas of Hissar (Haryana). based on Epidemiological. Entomological and Clinical observations. it appears to be Dengue outbreak.

The team collected clinical samples which are under laboratory analysis. The results of these samples are awaited. The team advised Insecticidal spray. Surveillance and Health Education in the affected areas for checking further spread of the disease.

[English]

Central University

2953. SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI :
SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to open any Central University in the country particularly in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh and at Belgaum in Karnataka;

(b) if so. the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Policy on Education - 1986. with modifications undertaken in 1992, states that. in view of the need to effect an all-round improvement in the institutions. it is proposed that. in the near future. the main emphasis will be on the consolidation of and expansion of facilities in the existing institutions.

Air Bases Prone to Accidents

2954. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated June 29, 1996 under caption 'Viman Durghatnayen Rokne Ke Upayon per Amal Nahin';

(b) if so. the total number of Air bases which have been identified as more peone to air-accidents due to birds flying around them and other factors;

(c) the total number of accidents and the total loss suffered from such accidents due to birds flying near air-bases during last three years; and

(d) the steps Government have taken so far or propose to take in the near future to avoid such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). 10 IAF airfields have been identified as "High Risk Bird areas" by the Inter Ministerial Joint Sub Committee. During the last three financial years. 9 serious aircraft accidents have taken place due to bird strike. However. the cost of damage due to bird hits vary depending upon the type of aircraft lost or repaired/overhauled.

(d) Steps have been taken by the Ministries of Agriculture. Urban Affairs and Employment and the concerned State Governments for modernisation of slaughter houses/carcass utilisation centres and for sanitisation of areas around bird prone airfields to reduce bird activities.

By-Pass on N.H. No. 37

2955. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the by-pass of National Highway